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SUBJECT: ARRANGEMENTS AND CONTENT OF NATO SUMMIT

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1. WE DO NOT BELIEVE WITH SYG LUNS THAT SHORTAGE OF TIME
ON SECOND DAY WILL PRECLUDE TWO BRIEFINGS (PARA 5, REF B).
WE SEE A FORTY-FIVE MINUTE SEGMENT OF THE AGENDA DEVOTED
FIRST TO AN INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING PRESENTED BY THE IMS
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DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE FOLLOWED BY A BRIEFING ON THE
NUCLEAR BALANCE BY SECDEF OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE. WE NEED
BOTH AS THEY ARE COMPLEMENTARY. THE IMS BRIEFING WILL
PROVIDE BASIS FOR SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF LTDP AND THE
BALANCE BRIEFING WILL PROVIDE THE BROADER STRATEGIC SETTING.

DRAWING ON ABOVE, MISSION SHOULD DISCUSS THIS FURTHER WITH

LUNS AND OTHER DELEGATIONS TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR TWO BRIEFINGS ON SECOND DAY. WE SEE NO REASON FOR RESTRICTED ATTENDANCE.

2. WE ARE MOVING AHEAD ON BOTH SEGMENTS OF THE BRIEFING, WITH PREPARATIONS NOW WELL ADVANCED. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST IF YOUR SOUNDINGS SUGGEST NEED TO CHANGE COURSE.

3. YOU SHOULD INFORM ALLIES AS MENTIONED IN PARA 6, REF A, THAT THE PRESIDENT IS PREPARED TO MAKE A FIVE TO TEN MINUTE STATEMENT ON DEFENSE INCLUDING SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE NEED FOR FIRM COMMITMENTS TO THE LTDP IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE TWO BRIEFINGS AND BEFORE THE LTDP DISCUSSION.
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